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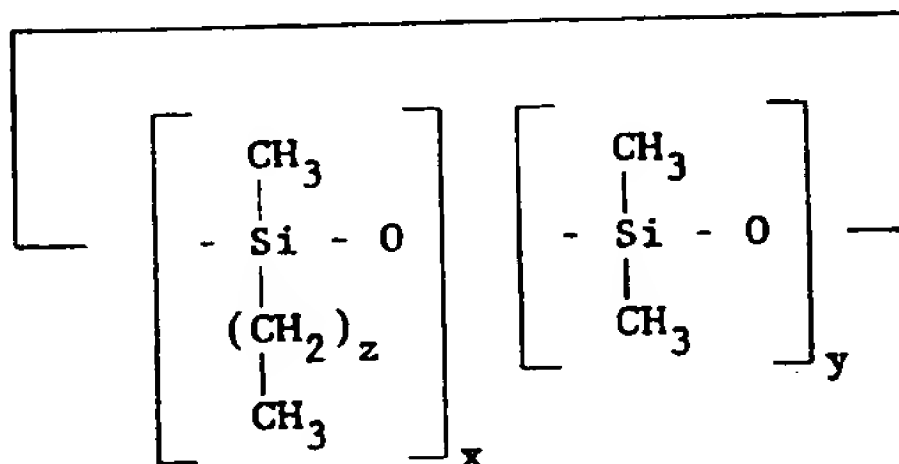
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56 Alkylmethylsiloxane containing perfume compositions.

57 A composition which is an emulsifier-free mixture of a perfume oil and a cyclic alkylmethylsiloxane having the formula



in which x and y are each integers and the sum of x and y is four, five or six with the proviso that x and y cannot be zero; and z is an integer having a value of 5-50.

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This invention relates to an improvement in perfumes and more particularly to an improvement in concentrated alcoholic solutions of perfume oils used by consumers to impart a fragrance. The improvement resides in the substitution of certain organosilicon compounds for the alcohol component of the perfume.

5 Perfume oils may be categorized as (i) plant materials such as essential oils obtained by distillation or expression; flower oils obtained by extraction; resins, gums and exudations such as myrrh, benzoin, labdanum and gum styrax; (ii) animal secretions such as castoreum, civet, musk and ambergris; and (iii) chemical substances including isolates from plant materials such as eugenol, citral and geraniol; derivatives of plant materials such as linalyl acetate, geranyl acetate and hydroxycitronellal; and synthetic organic
10 substances such as benzyl acetate, musk ambrette and amyl cinnamic aldehyde. The important types of fragrance produced by such perfume oils include oriental, cologne blend, bouquet, floral, chypre, fougere, spice blend, wood blend, aldehydic blend and amber.

The most popular product on the market for imparting a fragrance is in the form of an alcoholic solution of the perfume oil. Such products may be marketed under the names perfume, toilet water, eau de toilette, cologne, eau de cologne, eau de parfum, essence or fragrant water. Typically, these products contain a
15 certain percentage of the perfume oil in 95 percent denatured ethyl alcohol which includes only a very small percentage of water.

However, because of recent federal and state legislation aimed at lowering air pollution, a need has been created for consumer products which contain limited amounts of organic solvents. These air pollution
20 regulations limit the amount of organic solvents that can be discharged into the atmosphere. The term used for solvents is "volatile organic compounds" (VOC). A volatile organic compound (VOC) is defined as any compound of carbon that has a vapor pressure greater than 0.1 millimeter of mercury at a temperature of 20 °C. and a pressure of 760 millimeters mercury.

"Volatile organic content" has been defined as the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOC) liberated from a coating as determined by ASTM D3690 and EPA Reference Method 24 which are standard
25 industrial tests. Under the definition, a volatile organic compound is any compound which enters the atmosphere and photochemically reacts in the atmosphere with nitrogen oxides to reduce ozone and form photochemical smog.

Reduction of VOC has been mandated in several states and regulations in California for example
30 require less than about four hundred grams of volatiles per liter of product to enter the atmosphere. This can be determined by baking ten grams of a product in an oven at 110 °C. for one hour. The amount of solids which remain is subtracted from the total of the ten grams which was tested. Calculations are based on the weight of the volatiles that have evaporated which is reported as grams per liter.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified many volatile organic compounds
35 present in consumer products such as the more common solvents ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, kerosene and propylene glycol, in addition to hydrocarbon solvents such as isobutane, butane and propane which are employed as propellants in consumer products.

Some states have proposed standards which would limit and reduce the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOC) permitted in various consumer products such as chemically formulated products used by
40 household and institutional consumers including detergents; cleaning compounds; polishes; floor products; cosmetics; personal care products; home, lawn and garden products; disinfectants; sanitizers; and automotive specialty products. These standards would effect such widely used consumer products as shaving lather, hairspray, shampoos, colognes, perfumes, aftershave, deo-colognes, pre-electric shaves, deodorants, antiperspirants, suntan preparations, lotions, breath fresheners and room deodorants.

45 Thus, the need for new and novel formulations and techniques for reducing organic emissions should be more than apparent. In accordance with the present invention, it has been discovered that certain organosilicon compounds meet this need.

The invention is directed to a perfume composition for imparting a fragrance which is in the form of a mixture of a perfume oil and a volatile short chain linear alkylmethylsiloxane or a volatile cyclic alkylmethyl-
50 siloxane. The function of the alkylmethylsiloxane is to act as a substitute for ethanol in compositions previously known as alcoholic fragrance solutions.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a perfume composition containing a volatile alkylmethylsiloxane as a delivery vehicle for a perfume oil.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a perfume composition containing a delivery
55 vehicle for a perfume oil which has good compatibility with the perfume oil, nonirritating and nonstinging to the skin and which has a low heat of evaporation so as to be noncooling to the skin.

The volatile alkylmethylsiloxanes of the present invention fulfill the foregoing objectives. Because of the presence in the molecule of long chain alkyl groups, the volatile alkylmethylsiloxanes possess enhanced

compatibility with organic materials such as a perfume oil. As a substitute for all or a portion of the ethanol in alcoholic fragrance solutions, the volatile alkylmethysiloxanes of the present invention have the additional advantage of eliminating the disadvantages associated with ethanol based products such as a stinging effect on abraded skin, a cooling sensation because of the high heat of evaporation of ethanol, the flammability of ethanol and the environmental concerns of ethanol noted previously.

The perfume compositions of the present invention are emulsifier-free and hence even less irritating to the skin. Some perfume compositions contain emulsifying solubilizing agents which have been determined to be potential skin irritants. Of the numerous problems faced by perfume formulators, none is quite as important as the elimination of any tendency of the perfume to cause irritation, sensitization or sensitizing synergisms. Therefore and in accordance with the present invention, the perfume compositions are preferably emulsifier-free thereby avoiding many of the disadvantages associated with prior art compositions which include potentially skin irritating emulsifying agents. Thus, the present invention is not intended to cover perfume compositions in the form of an emulsion and which may be variously known as cream sachets, liquid sachets, lotion sachets, liquid skin sachets, liquid cream sachets, cream lotion sachets, perfume cream sachets, veils of perfume, silks or skin balms.

In the most preferred embodiment of the present invention, the perfume composition is anhydrous. In this embodiment, a perfume oil is combined with a volatile alkylmethysiloxane. If it is desired to include a small portion of ethanol, the ethanol is preferably anhydrous ethanol. These anhydrous emulsifier-free perfume compositions have improved clarity and the solubility and compatibility of the ingredients is improved, by avoiding the inclusion of water.

The perfume compositions of the present invention may be applied in the same fashion as conventional perfumes and colognes. Thus, the compositions are applied as a dab behind each ear, on the wrists, temple, at the crook of the elbow, between the breasts or behind the knees.

These and other features, objects and advantages of the herein described present invention will become more apparent from a consideration of the following detailed description thereof.

Perfume oils suitable for use in the perfume compositions of the present invention may include any type of material which may be classified as a fragrance, cologne or perfume. For example, the perfume oil may be a natural product such as ambergris, benzoin, civet, clove, leaf oil, galbanum, jasmine, absolute labdanum, mate', melilot, mimosa, musk, tonquin, myrrh, mousse de chene, olibanum, opopanax, orris, patchouli, rosemary oil, sandalwood oil, vetivert oil and violet leaves absolute. Among the various aroma chemicals that may be employed as the perfume oil in addition to the foregoing natural products are acetylated cedarwood terpenes, amyl cinnamic aldehyde, amyl salicylate, methyl salicylate, benzyl acetate, benzyl salicylate, p-tert-butyl cyclohexyl acetate, citronellol, coumarin, galaxolide, geraniol, hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, isobornyl acetate, linalool, linalyl acetate, lylal, ambrette, phenethyl alcohol, tetrahydromuguol and terpinyl acetate. Fragrances that have become classics as descriptors for other perfume oils in the same family are also included herein and would comprehend perfume oils in the straight floral family, the floral bouquet family, the aldehydic floral family, the oriental family, the chypre family, the woody family, the green family, the citrus family, the fougere family, the canoe family, the musk family, the animal family, the leather family, the spice family and the herbal family.

While the primary ingredients of the perfume compositions of the present invention are the perfume oil and the volatile alkylmethysiloxane, the compositions may optionally include other minor amounts of ingredients necessary to provide a more acceptable consumer oriented product. Thus, a coloring agent may be required such as D & C Red No. 19, D & C Green No. 5 and FD & C Yellow No. 5, which are CTFA adopted names of The Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, Inc., Washington, D.C. In some instances, a preservative may be required such as methyl paraben, phenoxyethanol, diazolidinyl urea and 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one. Where an antimicrobial agent is required, materials such as Triclosan, Quaternium-15, chloroxylenol and cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide may be employed. Aerosol delivery of the perfume compositions of the invention will require a propellant including volatile hydrocarbons such as isobutane or propane; dimethylether; carbon dioxide; nitrogen; or nitrous oxide; where an aerosol is a desirable mode of delivery. Antioxidants such as natural mixed tocopherols may also be employed.

For economic reasons, it may be necessary to use the volatile short chain linear alkylmethysiloxane or the volatile cyclic alkylmethysiloxane in combination with another volatile silicone. In those instances, the volatile silicone is a methylsilicone fluid corresponding to the average unit formula $(CH_3)_aSiO_{(4-a/2)}$ wherein a is an integer having an average value of from two to three. The methylsiloxane fluid includes siloxane units joined by Si-O-Si bonds. Representative units are $(CH_3)_3SiO_{1/2}$, $(CH_3)_2SiO_{2/2}$, $(CH_3)SiO_{3/2}$ and $SiO_{4/2}$. These units are present in such molar amounts so that there is an average of from about two to three methyl groups per silicon atom in the methylsiloxane fluid and the fluid has a viscosity of less than about

anhydrous ethanol, preferably 40-90 percent by weight; 0-40 percent by weight of a volatile methylsilicone fluid, preferably 5-20 percent by weight; 0-5 percent by weight of an emollient or a humectant, preferably about two percent by weight; and 0-1 percent by weight of each of a preservative, a colorant, an antimicrobial agent or an antioxidant, as needed. The compositions are particularly suitable for use as perfumes, colognes, after shaves, deo-colognes and pre-electric shaves.

The following additional example illustrates the preparation of perfume compositions in accordance with the present invention.

Example III

Some eleven (11) perfume compositions were prepared including four (4) perfumes, three (3) colognes, three (3) after shaves and one (1) pre-electric shave. These compositions were prepared by mixing together the various ingredients in the amounts shown below in the Tables. The ingredients were mixed together in the order in which they are listed in the Tables. All of the formulations were clear except for Perfume "G" which exhibited a slight haze. The fragrance oils are products of Noville Corporation, North Bergen New Jersey. The ethanol employed was anhydrous 200 proof ethanol. The alkylmethylsiloxane shown in the Tables corresponds to the volatile short chain linear alkylmethylsiloxane shown in the previous formula in which z is six. The volatile cyclic methylsilicone fluid employed was decamethylcyclopentasiloxane. The volatile linear methylsilicone fluid was hexamethyldisiloxane. All amounts shown in the Tables are weight percent

TABLE I

Ingredient	Perfume A	Cologne B	Perfume C
Fragrance Oil			
Eternity Type I	15.0	7.5	-
Obsession Type	-	-	15.0
Trouble Type	-	-	-
Cool Water Type	-	-	-
Fahrenheit Type	-	-	-
Eternity Type II	-	-	-
Ethanol (200 proof)	45.0	72.5	40.0
Alkylmethyl Siloxane	40.0	20.0	45.0
Volatile Cyclic Methylsilicone	-	-	-
Volatile Linear Methylsilicone	-	-	-
Glycerin	-	-	-

TABLE II

	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Cologne D</u>	<u>Cologne E</u>	<u>Perfume F</u>
5	Fragrance Oil			
	Eternity Type I	-	-	-
	Obsession Type	7.5	7.5	-
	Trouble Type	-	-	15.0
	Cool Water Type	-	-	-
10	Fahrenheit Type	-	-	-
	Eternity Type II	-	-	-
	Ethanol (200 proof)	49.5	49.5	45.0
15	Alkylmethyl Siloxane	23.0	23.0	40.0
	Volatile Cyclic Methylsilicone	20.0	-	-
20	Volatile Linear Methylsilicone	-	20.0	-
	Glycerin	-	-	-

TABLE III

	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Perfume G</u>	<u>Pre-Electric Shave H</u>	<u>After Shave I</u>
30	Fragrance Oil			
	Eternity Type I	-	-	-
35	Obsession Type	-	-	-
	Trouble Type	15.0	-	-
	Cool Water Type	-	6.0	-
	Fahrenheit Type	-	-	6.0
	Eternity Type II	-	-	-
40	Ethanol (200 proof)	-	89.0	79.0
45	Alkylmethyl Siloxane	85.0	5.0	15.0
	Volatile Cyclic Methylsilicone	-	-	-
50	Volatile Linear Methylsilicone	-	-	-
	Glycerin	-	-	-

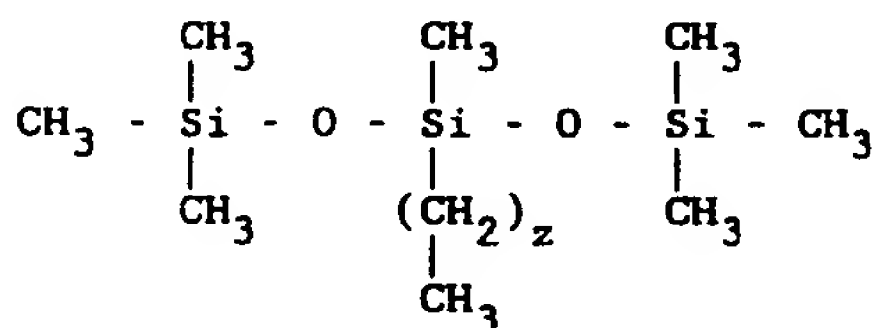
TABLE IV

	Ingredient	After Shave J	After Shave K
5	Fragrance Oil		
	Eternity Type I	-	-
	Obsession Type	-	-
	Trouble Type	-	-
	Cool Water Type	-	-
10	Fahrenheit Type	-	-
	Eternity Type II	6.0	6.0
	Ethanol		
	(200 proof)	72.0	72.0
15	Alkylmethyl		
	Siloxane	15.0	15.0
	Volatile Cyclic		
20	Methylsilicone	5.0	-
	Volatile Linear		
	Methylsilicone	-	5.0
25	Glycerin	2.0	2.0

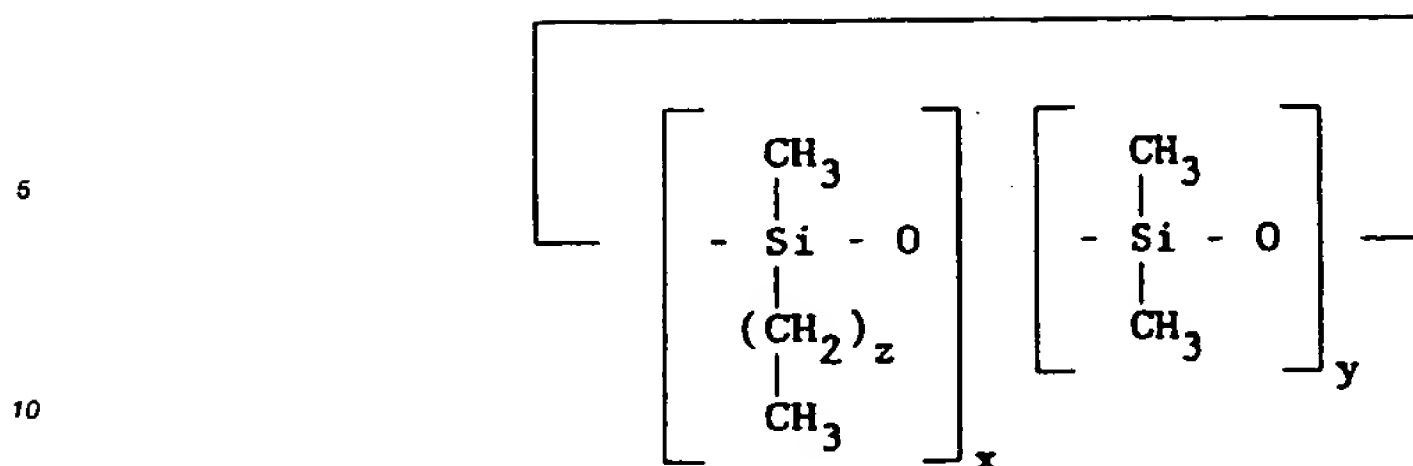
It will be apparent from the foregoing that many other variations and modifications may be made in the compounds, compositions, structures and methods described herein without departing substantially from the essential features and concepts of the present invention. Accordingly, it should be clearly understood that the forms of the invention described herein are exemplary only and are not intended as limitations on the scope of the present invention as defined in the appended claims.

Claims

1. A composition comprising an anhydrous emulsifier-free mixture of a perfume oil and an alkylmethylsiloxane having a formula selected from the group consisting of



and



15 in which the sum of the integers x and y is four, five or six with the proviso that x and y cannot be zero; and z is an integer having a value of 1-12.

2. The composition of claim 1 in which the mixture includes anhydrous ethanol.
3. The composition of claim 2 in which the mixture includes 5-20 percent by weight of the perfume oil, 5-50 percent by weight of the alkylmethylsiloxane, 40-90 percent by weight of anhydrous ethanol, 5-20 percent by weight of a methylsilicone fluid and a humectant.

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